

Plainfield Select Board Meeting
January 17, 2023
Approved Minutes

Present

In-Person: Jim Volz, Selectboard Chair; Patrick Healey, Chair of Twinfield School Board;
Via Zoom: Riley Carlson, Board Member; Eric Blaisdell, Times Argus Reporter

Agenda

6 PM Commencement of regular select board meeting
6 PM Changes to Agenda
6 PM Announcements
6:05 PM Public Comment
6:10 PM Town Clerk/Town Treasurer Report - Robin Miller
- Planning for Town Meeting
- Approval of warrants
- Approval of minutes
6:30 PM Road Foreman Report
6:45 PM School Budget - Patrick Healy
7:05 PM Boundary and Annexation Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau
7:15 PM Keypad Entry Lock for Town Hall Opera House - Steven Light
7:25 PM Approve Water Protection Extension for the W/WW Department - Mary Lane
7:35 PM Schedule Meeting with Washington County Sheriff
7:40 PM Agenda items for upcoming meeting
- Updated Personnel Policy
- ARPA Committee recommendations
- Old Firehouse Vacant lot
7:45 PM Adjourn

Chair Jim Volz started the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Changes to Agenda: Moved School Budget report ahead of the Road Foreman report.

Public Comment: None

Announcements: None

6:00 PM **Town Clerk/Town Treasurer Report** - Robin Miller did not attend as she had a scheduling conflict. Tuesdays are generally not a good day for her to attend. The issue of when to have our Selectboard meetings will be addressed at our next meeting.

6:05 **School Budget** - Patrick Healy presented the upcoming fiscal year school budget. The school budget will be going up \$750,000. This is driven primarily by increases in the following areas: a new teacher contract, administration costs, health care costs, capital improvements, and various other items. Other factors which increase the tax rate are that Twinfield has lost 100 students over the last

12 years; The common level of appraisal (CLA) in Plainfield is very low which has an upward effect on the tax rate. He estimates the rate will go up \$1.66 to \$1.91. An informational meeting will be held on February 28 at 6 pm at Twinfield Union School and on Zoom. A copy of the proposed budget is on the Twinfield School Board website.

6:20 PM **Road Foreman Report** - Michael Bingham said he didn't have much to report. The roads have some difficult spots which they tried to improve through grading.

6:22 PM **Boundary and Annexation Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau** - decided we would take this up at a future meeting

6:23 PM **Keypad Entry Lock for Town Hall Opera House** - decided we would take this up at a future meeting

6:24 PM **Approve Water Protection Extension for the W/WW Department** - approved unanimously

6:25 PM **Schedule Meeting with Washington County Sheriff** - decided we would take this up at a future meeting

Agenda items for upcoming meeting

- Plan for Town Meeting
- Updated Personnel Policy
- ARPA Committee recommendations
- Old Firehouse Vacant lot
- items mentioned above

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm by unanimous vote.